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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/072,521

Applicant(s)

SHYAM ET AL.

Examiner

Kimberly N. McLean-Mayo

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,8-11 and 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-7,12-14 and 19-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. The enclosed detailed action is in response to the Application submitted on February 6, 2002 and the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on April 12, 2002.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koeppen (USPN: 5,761,667).

Regarding claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15-18, Koeppen discloses a method for reducing ABENDs when a job encounters an end of storage volume, the method comprising (a) in response to the encounter, selecting a new storage volume from the disk and (b) and if step (a) is unsuccessful, selecting a different new storage volume from the disk(C 9, L 8-20). Koeppen does not teach selecting a new storage volume from a first group comprising a plurality of storage volumes and if unsuccessful selecting a new storage volume from a second group comprising a second plurality of storage volumes. However, George teaches the concept of selecting a new storage volume (memory portion) from a first group comprising a plurality of storage volumes (assigned main and expanded memory portions) and if unsuccessful (unavailable) selecting a volume (memory portion) from a second group comprising a second plurality of storage volumes (unassigned pool of memory) (C 3, L 62-67; C 2, L 28-35; C 5, L 4-28). This feature taught by

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George provides efficient memory usage by allocating use of memory portions as needed by the current workload of the system in oppose to allocating the entire memory as taught by Koeppen. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use George's teachings with the teachings of Koeppen for the desirable purpose of efficiency.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 5-7, 12-14 and 19-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

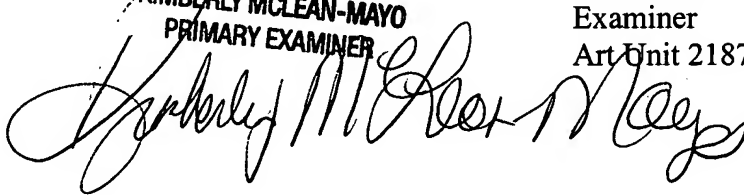
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimberly N. McLean-Mayo whose telephone number is 703-308-9592. The examiner can normally be reached on M (10:00 - 6:30); Tues, Thr (10:00 - 4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Sparks can be reached on 703-308-1756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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